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RESEARCH ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed the facility to test chemical weapons in its own laboratories;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) No Sir. However, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad is in the process of getting designated by Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), as a Centre for offsite analysis of chemicals related to Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) of which India is signatory. A Centre for Analysis of Toxins (CACT) has been set up to take up work of that nature at IICT.

(b) Centre for Analysis of Toxins (CACT) is part of Analytical Division, IICT, Hyderabad. The Centre is participating in the official proficiency tests conducted by OPCW. The Centre is equipped with sophisticated instruments to carry out these analyses. The Centre has performed admirably in proficiency testing conducted by OPCW and would become eligible for getting designated status by OPCW.